GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COACHING CENTRES FOR ST`S
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pre-examination coaching centres for competitive examinations being run in Kerala for SC/ST students, location wise;

(b) the total number of students benefited by these coaching centres during last three years in the state, district-wise;

(c) the funds allocated to the state under this scheme during each of the last three years; and

(d) the system being practiced to monitor the performance of these coaching centres ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) There are four institutions functioning under the control of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, under the scheme of Coaching & Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including SCs, OBCs & Minorities, as under:-

(i) Institute for Civil Services Examination Training Society, Thiruvananthapuram;

(ii) Pre-Examination Training Centre, Thiruvananthapuram;

(iii) Pre-Examination Training Centre, Ernakulam;and

(iv) Pre-Examination Training Centre, Kozhikode.

So far as Scheduled Tribes are concerned, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has funded the SC/ST Development Department, Thiruvananthapuram, Government of Kerala for conducting a coaching course for the Civil Services UPSC (Preliminary Examination) for ST candidates during 2005-06.

(b) &(c): Funds released to the Govt. of Kerala during 2003-04 was Rs. 20.54 lakhs. 1010 SC students have been benefited by these coaching centres during 2003-04. There was no release of grants-in-aid during the year 2004-05 & 2005-06 to Government of Kerala under the scheme. This is a demand driven scheme. Funds are released only against proposal received. There was no State-wise fund allocation under the scheme of Coaching & Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including SCs, OBCs & Minorities during the last 3 years.

So far as STs are concerned, there was no state-wise allocation of funds under the Coaching and Allied Scheme for STs till 2003-04. During 2004-05 and 2005-06, Rs. 2.00 lakhs and Rs. 0.60 lakh respectively were allocated to the State Government of Kerala. There was no release during 2003-04 and 2004-05 in respect of Kerala. An amount of Rs. 0.48 lakhs was released during 2005-06 to Government of Kerala for benefiting 9 ST students.

(d) There is a provision of Screening Committee under the scheme for monitoring of the performance of these coaching centers under the scheme of Coaching & Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including SCs, OBCs & Minorities administered by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

So far as Ministry of Tribal Affairs in concerned, the performance of each institution/organization is reviewed by a Selection Committee every year as prescribed under the scheme of Coaching and Allied for STs. Since 2005-06, information related to success rate of the students coached is also insisted upon form the institutions.